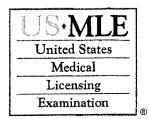
EXHIBIT 5



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Via Email and Fed Ex Personal and Confidential

August 24, 2011

Maria Mahmood 14717 Exbury Lane Laurel, MD 20707

Dear Ms. Mahmood:

USMLE ID#: 5-166-839-0

Individuals who proctor the USMLE are instructed to report any incident of possible irregular behavior that occurs in connection with the administration of the examination. In reference to your August 8, 2011 USMLE Step 1 test administration, the National Board of Medical Examiners (NBME) received from proctors at the Prometric Test Center in Baltimore, Maryland, where you tested, a report that you were observed attempting to light a fire in the bathroom of the testing center. Authorities were called and you were removed from the premises.

Examinees are advised in the USMLE *Bulletin of Information* that irregular behavior includes any action by applicants, examinees, potential applicants, or others when solicited by an applicant and/or examinee that subverts or attempts to subvert the examination process. The *Bulletin* further explains that disruptive or unprofessional behavior at a test center constitutes irregular behavior. In addition it advises examinees that evidence of violation of any test administration rule will result in actions being taken under USMLE policies and procedures on irregular behavior.

On the basis of the report from the proctors and the rules regarding conduct during examinations, there is reason to believe that you may have engaged in irregular behavior. I am enclosing herein a copy of the "United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) Policies and Procedures Regarding Irregular Behavior."

As explained in these materials, all pertinent information will be reviewed by the USMLE Committee for Individualized Review (formerly known as the USMLE Committee on Irregular Behavior). As explained in Procedure #5, you may submit an explanation and/or any other relevant information you wish the Committee to consider when it reviews this matter. Please forward any such information to me to arrive in my office by October 12, 2011 for distribution to the Committee for Individualized Review before its meeting on October 26, 2011. You also have the opportunity to appear personally before the Committee. Please let me know by October 12, 2011 whether or not you wish to appear personally before the Committee.

Additionally, you will not be permitted to take any USMLE exams until this matter has been reviewed. This includes the Step 2 CS which you were scheduled to take this Friday, August 26, 2011. Your August 26, 2011 appointment at the Philadelphia CS center has been cancelled and your Step 2 CS application

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If you have any questions about this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at USMLESec@nbme.org.

Sincerely,

Amy Buono

Office of the USMLE Secretariat

Enclosure: USMLE Policies and Procedures Regarding Irregular Behavior

Amy Buono

From: Amy Buono

Sent: Friday, August 26, 2011 3:16 PM

To: mmahmo4@gmail.com

Subject: FW: Mahmood - USMLE Committee for Individualized Review
Attachments: Mahmood.CIR.PDF; USMLE Policies and Procedures on Irr Beh.pdf

Dear Ms. Mahmood:

An error was made in the letter I sent to you on Wednesday, August 24, 2011. I noted that the exam you took on August 8 was USMLE Step 1 when in fact it was USMLE Step 2 CK. I apologize for the mistake.

Sincerely,

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